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Dear Michigan Legislature,

In May 2014 I was diagnosed with HIV, and since then I have committed my life to support and educate others on and around HIV and AIDS. With working in HIV Prevention and working around Michigan, I learned that the laws make people not want to get HIV tested and treated for HIV/AIDS because of stigma and fear. When I was diagnosed I thought I was going to die and possibly spread the disease to others, but was I wrong! With science and medication we have come a long way and it is not talked about enough. It is time to change the laws around HIV and AIDS because they are out dated and do more harm than good. As a person educating the community, working with people diagnosed with HIV, and as a person living with HIV it is important to change the laws to better help and support our communities in Michigan.

Sincerely,

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